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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON PRESIDENT MARCOS' SPEECH
FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HODDING CARTER III

1. THE DEPARTMENT PREPARED THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE ON
PRESIDENT MARCOS' SPEECH AND RAMSEY CLARK'S COMMENTS ON
HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE PHILIPPINES, FOR USE ON AN IF-ASKED
BASIS:

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE REPORTED RELAXATION OF
THE MARTIAL LAW REGIME IN THE PHILIPPINES, AS ANNOUNCED BY
PRESIDENT MARCOS IN A SPEECH BEFORE THE WORLD PEACE
THROUGH LAW CONFERENCE?

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A: WE ARE WAITING FOR A FULL TEXT OF THE SPEECH AND
WOULD NOT WISH TO COMMENT UNTIL WE HAVE A CHANCE TO STUDY
IT.

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL
RAMSEY CLARK'S CRITICISM OF MANILA AS A SITE FOR HOLDING
A CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS?

A: WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW IS A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE CHOICE OF MANILA AS THE SITE OF THE CONFERENCE OR IN SPONSORING IT.

Q: DOES THAT MEAN THAT NO DEPARTMENT MONIES ARE INVOLVED?

A: YES.

2. NO QUESTIONS WERE RAISED AT THE NOON BRIEFING ON AUGUST 22. CHRISTOPHER

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